

RALLYCROSS BOARD MINUTES | March 7, 2017

The RallyCross Board (RXB) met via conference call on March 7. Attending were Stephen Hyatt, Chairman, Ron Foley, Keith Lightfoot, Chris Regan, Kito Brielmaier, and Mark Macoubrie. Also in attendance were Arnie Coleman and Chris Albin BOD liaisons, and Brian Harmer from the National office.

The Secretary acknowledges that these minutes may not be in chronological order.

Chairman Hyatt called the meeting to order at 8:02pm EST.

- **Chairman Report (Hyatt):** The RallyCross app is progressing. The app is out of programming and is waiting for iTunes and Google to approve. The app will be able to use push notifications at the Dirtfish National Challenge and Championship to send information to the competitors. Andie Albin should have a packet ready for RallyCross regional chairs to download and print at FedEx printing offices soon. Two new tire sponsors will be announced this week.
- **RallyCross Safety Committee (Chris Regan):** There have been no incidents to report in the last month. The safety committee discussed the windshield rule and sent updated language to the RXB for review and approval. Safety Steward renewals will be due this year. The committee will be working on the process to renew Safety Steward licenses.
- **Rules Committee (Keith Lightfoot):** Several more comments have been posted on sccarallycross.com forum about 2018 rules proposals. Request for interpretations on existing rules have been responded to and posted on the forum. A question has been asked about the use of drones by a non-competitor from a location adjacent to SCCA event site flying over the SCCA event. The event chair asked the operator to stop flying over the site and they complied. The need for additional guidance will be discussed by the rules committee.
- **RallySprint and RallyTrials Committee (Kito Brielmaier):** Steve Hyatt attended the Waste Management Event. There were more cars registered than last year and the organizers were happy with the event. Scott Beliveau and Steve Hyatt discussed the Safety Steward training and Scott will come up with additional content for RallySprint Safety Steward training. A RallySprint occurred in Texas at Rally Ready. The event went well. Additional events are being scheduled and other sites are being reviewed. Kito Brielmaier was contacted by MotorTrend. MotorTrend was interested in covering an upcoming RallySprint as part of an online series. The schedule did not work out so MotorTrend will be covering a RallyCross instead of the RallySprint.
- **DirtFish National Championship Planning Committee (Mark Macoubrie):** The DirtFish National Championship Planning committee met March 1st, 2017. The Committee completed the Supplemental Rules and sent the rules to the RXB for approval. The committee also discussed Chief roles for the DirtFish National Championship and reviewed the action item list.

The DirtFish National Challenge Format will include running three courses. Course one will be run on Saturday morning. Course 2 will be run on Saturday afternoon and course 2 will be run backwards on Sunday. Both courses will be setup on Friday. Course layout changes were made to maximize the amount of seat time for the event. Course adjustments will be made at the end of Saturday competition as needed for the Sunday course.

- Divisional RallyCross Stewards Liaison (Ron Foley): The Divisional RallyCross Stewards met via teleconference on February 23rd, 2017. Six Divisional Stewards and three invited guests were in attendance. The Divisional Stewards discussed potential RallySprint sites, expiring of safety steward licenses and the current windshield rule.
- Old Business
Windshield Rule (Macoubrie): The RXB had additional discussions on the current windshield rule. A proposal was made to replace the current rule with the following rule.

The windshield may have one single crack. A crack that has branches, multiple cracks or deformation of the windshield is not allowed.

Kito Brielmaier made a motion to approve the new rule. Mark Macoubrie second the motion. The rule PASSED (5-1) Ron Foley opposed. The rule will be posted on the forum and SCCA RallyCross Facebook.

National Challenge and Championship Supplemental (Macoubrie): Mark Macoubrie made a motion to accept the supplement rules submitted by the DirtFish RallyCross National Championship Planning Committee. Motion was seconded by Chris Regan and PASSED (6-0). The final document will be sent to Brian Harmer to be posted on scca.com

- New Business
RXB periodic communication/newsletter to members (Lightfoot)
Keith recommend the board put out a newsletter once or twice a year to the RallyCross community about new developments in RallyCross and an annual recap of the national program.

Meeting with ICs for Writing position (Hyatt)

The RXB discussed the addition of a content editor/writer for the national events. A second candidate was interviewed by the RXB. A third candidate is also being considered.

Safety Webinars (Harmer)

Brian Harmer indicated GoTo Webinar is a product the SCCA National Office has which can be used for nationwide webinars on items including training and town halls.

Meeting Adjourn 10:02 pm EST

Next Meeting: April 4th, 2017.

Submitted by Mark Macoubrie

Sports Car Club of America RoadRally Board Minutes March 9, 2017

The RoadRally Board met via conference call on March 9, 2017; meeting called to order at 7:35 pm CST by Chairman Rich Bireta. In attendance: Rich Bireta, Jim Crittenden, Peter Schneider, Mike Bennett, Clyde Heckler, Jeanne English, secretary, Mike Thompson, NEC chairman, Earl Hurlbut and Bob Dowie, BOD liaisons, Lee Hill, BOD Chairman, and Jamie Mullin, National staff.

1. February minutes stand as published in FasTrack
2. RReNewsletter – Reminder: Text “roadrally” to 22828 to subscribe. Another great issue this month. All rally organizers are encouraged to promote the newsletter at their events. The links to upcoming event flyers was particularly well done.
3. SCCA Staff Report: Jamie, nothing this month. Anything from the BOD Liaisons? Bob reported that the road rally sticker rule change was approved (see 5.b below); Lee said that SCCA is trying to hire a new boss, there may be an announcement in April
4. NEC Report (Mike T) – no NEC meeting yet this month
 - a. Arizona Border Double Nationals – lots of S cars, they found us through the SCCA Road Rally calendar, with flyer attached; Jim Crittenden said that John Getchell did a good job as chairman
 - b. Upcoming events – Mark Haas Memorial rallies in New Jersey, a fire at the headquarters hotel has not affected the rally
 - c. Should the rule in the RFOs regarding no Nationals or Divisionals on the weekends on either side of USRRC be relaxed? Since RFOs are still in flux, this would be easy to change for 2018, but will not be changed 2017; RRB is in favor of not changing this.
5. Old Business
 - a. SCCA HQ support for USRRC (Mike T)
Per Howard Duncan, there is no line item in the budget for USRRC support
 - b. March BOD meeting – “Sticker Rule” change was approved. Notice of this rule change is included in these March minutes. See attachment following.
6. New Business
 - a. Official Results Reporting – Bruce Gezon will talk with Greg Lester about making the results form easier to fill out; more next month
 - b. Thank you note received from Clarence Westburg for his award for serving on the RRB.
 - c. Effective April 1, Rich will open the window for suggesting 2018 rule changes. Suggestions must be received by June

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7. RRB Priorities for 2017 (What we would like to accomplish in 2017)

- a. Included in agenda. Report on status tonight –
indicated by italics

RRB Priorities for 2017

A. Safety Steward Program

Peter reported that he has been working on modifying the Divisional Road Rally Steward job description, drawing from the RFOs, and this includes the Safety Steward program; the RRB is developing the Safety Steward program and the DRRSSs will administer it.

Motion: *Divisional Road Rally Steward Appointment: One per Division, appointed by the Road Rally Board. Duties: Responsible to the Road Rally Board for supervising and administering the Road Rally Safety Steward Application process, assist with Regional Road Rally Development activities and if possible develop and maintain a program of Divisional Road Rally series in accordance with the rules, standards and procedures established for the Road Rally Program. Additionally, will serve as an advisory resource for the Road Rally Board on event operational topics. P/R/pass. The next step is to send the new job description to existing Divisional Stewards. Peter said that in establishing the processes for licensing and renewing Safety Stewards and SS Instructors he 'borrowed' much from the Solo Program; he asks the other RRB members to read this information offline and provide feedback next month; it ties in to the knowledge test Mike B put together. Peter also produced a spreadsheet that is essentially a 'list of lists' including regions with a rally chairman, inactive regions, any RRSSs and/or DRRSSs in regions.*

1. Review current list (Peter) –

- a. Identify focal person for each region
- b. Review Safety Stewards and SS Instructor lists with region focal
 - i. Remove inactive licensees

2. Process document for license and re-certification (Peter) – *see above*

3. Training/knowledge test (Mike B) – *source materials were not internally consistent; need to define passing score (75-80%?), tried to incorporate both TSD and GTA, draft of test has been reviewed a couple of times. Mike will send an email summarizing the discrepancies*

- a. Coordinate existing materials
- b. Create a knowledge test
- c. Modernize/On-line training

B. Communication Strategy (Rich) – *distributed first draft of the communication plan, more next month*

1. Develop communication plan

- a. Identify current deficiencies
- b. Identify under-utilized communication paths
 - i. SCCA forums
 - ii. Inside Line
 - iii. RE monthly
 - iv. RReNews (Constant Contact)
 - v. Member Facebook page (SCCA members)
 - vi. RR Facebook page(s)
 - SCCA Road Rally
 - Road Rally e-News
 - vii. SCCA Yahoo group

2. Road Rally Best Practices (Jim) – *creating a series of emails for organizers; 5 topics: increasing attendance, spreadsheet scoring, pneumatic hose use,*

apps for rallying, creating tulip route instructions; Jim plans to tap in to various people for their expertise; Rich – these might be topics to be revisited, perhaps annually

3. E-mail Communication (Rich)

C. Regional Development (Clyde) – *trying to put together something from various documents*

1. Road Rally “Starter Kit” (Clyde)
 - a. GTA Q&A
 - b. Tour TSD (simple)
2. Rallymaster Starter Kit (Clyde)
 - a. Process document(s)
3. Divisional Steward Role
 - a. Mentorship
4. National Coordinator

Other business:

Peter said that Sasha sent note to Howard, who sent to Heyward about perhaps having a Targa event in Texas; Rich organizing a Kansas event called Party at the Park for August.

Motion to adjourn at 9:12 pm CST

Next meeting via conference call, April 13, 2017

Respectfully submitted,

Jeanne English, RRB Secretary

To: The SCCA Road Rally Community

From: The SCCA Road Rally Board

Effective with the publication of the March Fastrack newsletter, Article 13 of the Road Rally Rulebook is amended as follows:

ARTICLE 13 VEHICLE INSPECTION

C) Minimum Inspection Requirements

42) The organizers shall **encourage** ~~insure~~ that an SCCA **RoadRally** sticker (available from the SCCA Merchandising Department) is affixed to both sides of each vehicle on National rallies, and that any commercial advertising is in good taste.